

## REMARKS

The present amendment is further submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2006, and as a result of the conference held between the Examiner and the attorney for the Applicants.

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-14 are pending in this application.

In this supplemental amendment, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to depend on claim 9, rather than 15. Claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 11-13 also have been indicated as allowable.

The Examiner stated in the interview of April 10, 2007 that the Applicants' amendment filed March 5, 2007 placed claim 14 into condition for allowance by inclusion of an allowable feature of claim 1. With the cancellation of claims 15-16, therefore, the application, with the remaining allowable claims, should now be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any remaining matters in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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